

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-45 (Canceled)

46. (New) A rain gutter system for buildings, comprising:

a conventional rain gutter having a generally trough-shaped interior, a rear wall extending along a roof fascia, a bottom wall and a front lip; and

a gutter cover assembly for deflecting debris from said interior of said gutter, including:

an elongate gutter cover having a back section extending along an associated roof, a middle section extending over said interior of said gutter, and a front section extending adjacent to said front lip of said gutter; said middle section of said gutter cover having an integrally formed, longitudinally extending fold that defines a female coupling member having a doubled over portion which projects at a predetermined angle toward said back section of said gutter cover, with a closed rearward end thereof positioned toward said back section of said gutter cover, and an opposite forward necked end thereof positioned toward said front section of said gutter cover and oriented vertically below said closed end along said predetermined angle, so that said doubled over portion of said female coupling member opens downwardly at said predetermined angle to prevent rainwater and debris from collecting therein; and

a mounting bracket operably connected with said gutter and having an intermediate portion supporting said middle section of said gutter cover thereon to deflect debris from said interior of said gutter, and a forward portion supporting said front section of said gutter cover along said front lip of said gutter; said intermediate portion of said mounting bracket having a projection protruding toward said front section of said mounting bracket to define a male coupling member that extends forwardly and

downwardly at said predetermined angle of said female coupling member, and is closely received and selectively retained in said female coupling member to securely mount said gutter cover on said mounting bracket without separate fasteners.

47. (New) A rain gutter system as set forth in claim 46, wherein:

 said female coupling member in said gutter cover is generally U-shaped with generally parallel, opposite walls vertically spaced apart and inclined at said predetermined angle.

48. (New) A rain gutter system as set forth in claim 47, wherein:

 said projection on said male coupling member is disposed vertically above said intermediate portion of said mounting bracket and oriented generally parallel therewith at said predetermined angle to define a downwardly opening slot into which said doubled over portion of said female coupling member is received.

49. (New) A rain gutter system as set to forth in claim 48, wherein:

 said male coupling member on said gutter cover is shaped for secure, yet detachable, reception in said female coupling member on said mounting bracket.

50. (New) A rain gutter system as set forth in claim 49, including:

 at least one gutter hanger supporting said gutter along the fascia of the associated roof, and including at least one generally vertically oriented mounting aperture therethrough; and wherein

 said mounting bracket includes at least one pin-shaped fastener received and retained in said mounting aperture of said gutter hanger to support said mounting bracket on said gutter hanger.

51. (New) A rain gutter system as set forth in claim 50, wherein:

 said pin-shaped fastener comprises a push-in fastener.

52. (New) A rain gutter system as set forth in claim 51, wherein:

said front section of said gutter cover has an arcuately shaped lip section; and
said forward portion of said mounting bracket has an arcuately shaped forwardmost area shaped similar to and abutting said lip section of said gutter cover.

53. (New) A rain gutter system as set forth in claim 52, wherein:

said gutter cover includes at least one protrusion shaped to impede rainwater flow into said interior of said gutter.

54. (New) A rain gutter system as set forth in claim 53, wherein:

said mounting bracket includes a center wall portion.

55. (New) A rain gutter system as set forth in claim 54, wherein:

said mounting bracket has a one-piece, integrally formed, molded construction of synthetic resin material.

56. (New) A cover assembly for conventional rain gutters of the type having a generally trough-shaped interior, a rear wall extending along a roof fascia, a bottom wall and a front lip, comprising:

an elongate gutter cover having a back section shaped to extend along an associated roof, a middle section shaped to extend over the interior of the gutter, and a front section shaped to extend adjacent to the front lip of the gutter; said middle section of said gutter cover having an integrally formed, longitudinally extending fold that defines a female coupling member having a doubled over portion which projects at a predetermined angle toward said back section of said gutter cover, with a closed rearward end thereof positioned toward said back section of said gutter cover, and an opposite forward necked end thereof positioned toward said front section of said gutter cover and oriented vertically below said closed end along said predetermined angle, so that said doubled over portion of said female coupling member opens downwardly at said predetermined angle to prevent rainwater and debris from collecting therein; and

a mounting bracket shaped for operable connection with the gutter, and having an intermediate portion supporting said middle section of said gutter cover thereon to deflect debris from the interior of the gutter, and a forward portion shaped to support said front section of said gutter cover along the front lip of the gutter; said intermediate portion of said mounting bracket having a projection protruding toward said front section of said mounting bracket to define a male coupling member that extends forwardly and downwardly at said predetermined angle of said female coupling member, and is closely received and selectively retained in said female coupling member to securely mount said gutter cover on said mounting bracket without separate fasteners.

57. (New) A cover assembly as set forth in claim 56, wherein:

 said female coupling member in said gutter cover is generally U-shaped with generally parallel, opposite walls vertically spaced apart and inclined at said predetermined angle.

58. (New) A cover assembly as set forth in claim 57, wherein:

 said projection on said male coupling member is disposed vertically above said intermediate portion of said mounting bracket and oriented generally parallel therewith at said predetermined angle to define a downwardly opening slot into which said doubled over portion of said female coupling member is received.

59. (New) A cover assembly as set forth in claim 58, wherein:

 said male coupling member on said gutter cover is shaped for secure, yet detachable, reception in said female coupling member of said mounting bracket.

60. (New) A cover assembly as set forth in claim 59, wherein:

 said mounting bracket includes at least one pin-shaped fastener for close reception in a mounting aperture of an associated gutter hanger.

61. (New) A cover assembly as set forth in claim 60, wherein:

said pin-shaped fastener comprises a push-in fastener.

62. (New) A cover assembly as set forth in claim 61, wherein:

said front section of said gutter cover has an arcuately shaped lip section; and

said forward portion of said mounting bracket has an arcuately shaped forwardmost area shaped similar to and abutting said lip section of said gutter cover.

63. (New) A cover assembly as set forth in claim 62, wherein:

said gutter cover includes at least one protrusion shaped to impede rainwater flow into the interior of the gutter.

64. (New) A cover assembly as set forth in claim 63, wherein:

said mounting bracket includes a center wall portion.

65. (New) A cover assembly as set forth in claim 64, wherein:

said mounting bracket has a one-piece, integrally formed, molded construction of synthetic resin material.